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Applicants: Hiromi SUTOU

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 15, 2003

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the two months subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding final Office Action dated July 11, 2003. Applicants previously paid the first month's extension of time fee (\$110) on November 13, 2003. Therefore, a Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$310.00 to cover the additional month's extension fee is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (referencing attorney docket no. 500.38711X00).

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